

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/852,551	DAMADIAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Paul D Kim	3729	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 3/24/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 44-50,57 and 58.
3. The drawings filed on 30 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is a response to the amendment filed on 3/26/2004.

Election/Restrictions

2. Newly submitted claims 51-58 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

- I. claims 44-50 are drawn to a method of fabricating a ferromagnetic plate, class 29, and subclass 607.
- II. claims 51-58 are drawn to a method of fabricating a composite plate, class 29, and subclass 609.

3. Inventions Group I and II are related as combination and subcombination.

Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination (Group II) as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination (Group I) as claimed because the combination (Group II) as claimed does not require processes of stacking the strips to form a ferromagnetic plate and forming at least a portion of the magnetic resonance scanner magnet frame with the ferromagnetic plate. The subcombination has separate utility such as the stacked ferromagnetic plate and forming at least a portion of the magnetic resonance scanner magnet frame with the ferromagnetic plate.

4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
5. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 51-58 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Cockings on 5/5/2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIM

Cancel the newly submitted claims 51-56.

Re. claim 57: Before the phrase "further comprising" as recited in line 1, change "claim 56" to –claim 50--.

After the phrase "assembling the" as recited in line 2, change "composite" to --ferromagnetic--.

After the phrase "pole support" as recited in line 2, change "of" to --on--.

After the phrase "resonance" as recited in line 3, change "imaging" to --scanner--.

After the phrase "magnet" as recited in line 3, insert --frame--.

Re. claim 58: Before the phrase "further comprising" as recited in line 1, change "claim 56" to --claim 50--.

After the phrase "assembling the" as recited in line 2, change "composite" to --ferromagnetic--.

After the phrase "resonance" as recited in line 3, change "imaging" to --scanner--.

After the phrase "magnet" as recited in line 3, insert --frame--.

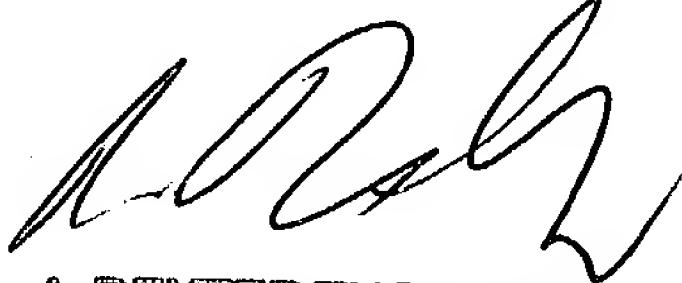
7. Claims 44-50, 57 and 58 are allowed.
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul D Kim whose telephone number is 703-308-8356.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday between 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 703-308-1789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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